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Focus sharpens on mayor's race

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

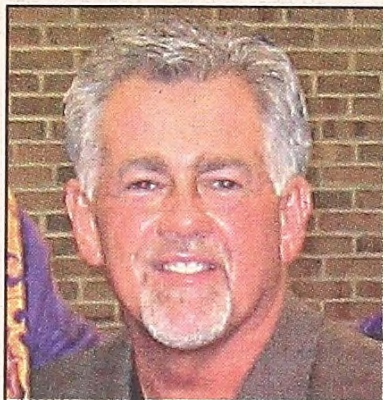
Now that the primary election has narrowed the field of candidates for seven available city council seats and one available treasurer's spot, attention is being focused on the campaign for mayor of the city.

Incumbent Alan Lambert will face off against Councilwoman Debbie Romak on Nov. 8, and each will do so with high-level endorsements from area political groups and elected officials.

Said Lambert: "I'm really pleased with the support I've received so far. I think we've done some good work here and worked well with our representation, and it shows now."

So far, many area officials are lining up behind Lambert, who is finishing up his first term in office.

Congressman John Dingell, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, and Wayne County



Alan Lambert

Commissioner Ed Boike have all announced they will support Lambert. The United Auto Workers and the Romulus Democratic Club also gave their stamp of approval to Lambert.

On the other hand, challenger Romak received an endorsement from the Michigan Building Trades union.

Endorsements, though every candidate asks for them, rarely make much difference in an election. But the difference in candi-



Debbie Romak

dates does, said Romak who is confident of her ability to defeat Lambert in November.

"I think people will find that I am more responsive to residents' needs, and I'm excited about getting out there and telling people what I'm about," she said. "I've been out in the community for a long time, and I feel I have a good idea about what will help make people's lives better."

The race for mayor is likely to revolve around three issues:

Citywide budget management, development, and reducing crime. Both candidates say they have a record when it comes to any of these issues.

"I don't think very many people realize that the council has adopted several aspects of my agenda from 2001, and I'm really pleased with that," Romak said. "I have always advocated for spending TIFA (Tax Increment Financing Authority) dollars to bring people things like recreation and new development. That's what we're supposed to be there for - to give back to the people."

Lambert said he believes the voting public likes what it's seen during the past four years.

"We have an excellent record," he said. "We created an environment where many things, like a recreation center, could be a reality for the first time. We're running on our accomplishments and I

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Rain doesn't dampen Pumpkin Fest

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Light rain didn't dampen the spirits of area residents who converged on downtown Romulus last weekend for the ninth Annual Pumpkin Festival.

The three-day festival began Friday with a parade and continued until Sunday. Vendors selling arts, food, and services, as well as musicians crowded the streets for the duration of the festival.

Maria Lambert, the chairwoman of the Pumpkin Festival, said the event went off with few problems this year.

"We begin planning this event in February, and we have a person on the committee who goes to other fairs and festivals - like the Belleville Strawberry event or the Wyandotte craft fair - to solicit participants. It keeps growing each year."

Though Friday and Saturday events were marred by rain, Mayor Alan Lambert said he noticed more people enjoying themselves.

"Attendance seems to be up, so I guess it didn't dampen enthusiasm," he said. "I saw more people this year than ever before, so obviously we're pleased about that."

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Making faces

Face painting is one of the most highly-anticipated activities at the Romulus Pumpkin Festival - at least for the under 10 set. Here, Molly, 4, (left) and Morgan, 6, (right) Porter enjoyed nearly matching face makeup to go with their dresses after a face-painting exercise at Historical Park. Nearly identical because Molly is donning puppy makeup, and Morgan is decked out as a kitten. The sisters attended the Pumpkin Festival with their parents for the second year in a row, said their mother, Michelle Porter.

Animal shelter may be built next year

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A new animal shelter could be constructed in Romulus sometime next year using donations provided by the community and some additional sources of funding.

Mayor Alan Lambert and Councilman William Wadsworth

- the driving force behind replacing the aged city shelter - both said an announcement about a new shelter will be made shortly after the first of the year.

"We're still ironing out the details of the new shelter, and it's going to involve some additional sources of funding," Lambert said. "But there will be no tax dollars used for this project. It's

an important project for us, though."

Wadsworth initially began raising money for the new shelter about three years ago. He said he did so because the small facility is outdated and not nearly enough to house the many stray cats and dogs that roam the

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Rare Earth to headline hurricane relief concert

Scott Spielman
Editor

What began as a small benefit concert for victims of Hurricane Katrina has swelled to a major relief effort.

Musicians for Relief are putting on an 11-hour event on Sunday that combines nine bands with a host of family activities in Thomas Brown Central City Park in Westland. The band Rare Earth, who sold millions of records during their 1970s heyday with classic songs like *Get Ready*, *I Just Want To Celebrate* and *I Know I'm Losing You* will headline the event.

The event is the brainchild of Dean Boucher and Eric Turczyn.

"We've both been the recipients of benefits before," said Boucher, who plays with Power Source, another of the bands scheduled for the event. "We thought it'd be nice to help the people down there, kind of pay it forward."

"It felt kind of helpless, just sitting there watching," added Turczyn. "We wanted to do something."

At first, they thought they'd perform at Chatters, a Westland club where he and several other bands regularly appear. He was sure he could generate a few thousand dollars through that.

"Then I wanted to do something bigger," he said.

Boucher is also a member of the Detroit State Employees union Local 38. He got them involved, along with members of the Local 395 from Ann Arbor. They volunteered their time for three days ahead of the concert to set up the stage.

Other donations poured in. The Thunder Audio Group donated a \$500,000 sound system for the show. Performance Staging donated a 40-foot by 40-foot stage with a roof. Fantasy Lighting volunteered a full concert lighting system. Everything right down to the port-a-johns has been donated.

Ram Transportation has provided a 53-foot semi-trailer truck, complete

with a driver to collect and ship supplies to the impacted region.

"We started to get all this stuff donated," Boucher said. "Everybody is volunteering their time to put this together; we've had companies coming out of the woodwork."

All that was needed was the proper venue, and Central City Park provided that. Boucher said he approached city officials last week about the concept.

"In less than two days, they jumped right on board," he said. "They've been great to work with."

The line-up for the event also came together pretty easily. Boucher, a drummer, toured with Rare Earth for more than five years and he got that in motion. The other bands scheduled: Power Source, The Ride, 6 Peace, the Eddie Leighton Project, Cross Over and Red Hill, are all fairly close friends. Joey Gaydos, Jr., a Belleville resident and guitar phenom — he starred in the movie *School of Rock* with Jack Black — is the son of another friend.

Steve Kostan from 94.7 WCSX will emcee the event; a musician in his own right, he'll also jam with the Eddie Leighton Project.

There will be plenty of other things going on, too. There will be a kids corner with games and activities for youngsters. A classic car

show will bring in more than 250 vintage automobiles. The Michigan Humane Society will have a booth to help animals displaced by the storm.

"They have a lot of things in store," said Bob Kosowski, parks and recreation director for the City of Westland.

The Westland Jaycees will put on a raffle and the Westland Festival Committee will man the main concession stand.

"It's going to be a family event," added Boucher.

Boucher said he's encouraged to see how quickly the event has come together. Within two weeks, the event has grown from a 175-seat venue to something that could attract thousands.

"We started with the idea ad people just started to come on board," he said.

"It's been amazing to see this come together."

Central City Park is off Ford Road, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, behind Westland City Hall.

The gates open at 10 a.m. and the entertainment will take place from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is a \$10 donation for adults, \$5 for students. Those under 10 are free. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets.

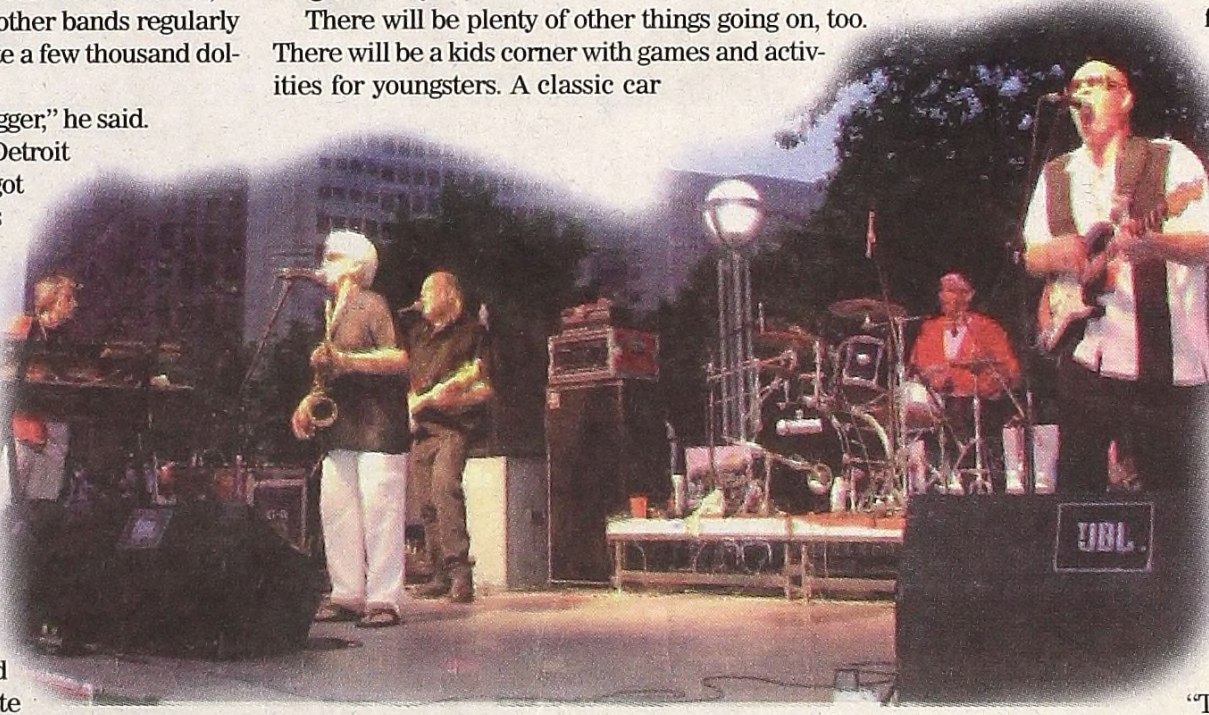
Donations will also be accepted, items like bedding, food and water, schoolbooks, clothing or toys.

Corporate donations are also needed, according to Boucher, to cover the cost of the insurance and paying for police services. Police officers cannot donate their time.

To donate, send a check made out City of Westland/Hurricane Help, Janet Ramsden, treasurer of Musicians for Relief, 32523 Hennepin, Garden City, 48135.

"Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for the day," Boucher said. "I don't think it's out of the question."

"When things like (Hurricane Katrina) happen, the American People always step up," he added. "This is just our way of helping out."



Annual city-wide yard sale set this weekend in Belleville

Andrea King
Staff Writer

"There's an old philosophy that every person's junk is someone else's treasure," said Ralph Nodwell. "That's what normally happens during the city garage sale."

The City of Belleville is hoping for that same response this weekend during the citywide yard sale.

Both Saturday and Sunday, residents will get the once-a-year chance to sell all their unwanted goods and treasures without paying for a permit.

"For just this weekend, people can set-up shop without a permit and there's no set hours of the sale," said City Clerk Diana Kollmeyer.

"That's the magic of it," said City Manager Steve Walters. "It's really just something nice we do to benefit the residents."

Already more than 16 years old, the citywide yard sale has become a September tradition.

"We get people calling us from all over as early as the spring time asking when we're holding the sale. Those are the serious garage sale shoppers," he said. "It's a nice way to get rid of things

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in the city."

"This year I'll be taking part too, tending the station, while my wife does the shopping," Walters said. "We'll have some fabulous deals all below retail prices."

Nodwell will take part in the yard sale. He has rented two spots in Victory Park where he plans to "make a few dollars," he said.

"I'm not putting any prices on anything because people will get to make their own offers," said Nodwell. "After 50 years of collecting things, it should be someone else's anyway."

Nodwell said he will be selling everything from children's toys to furniture.

Candace Myshock, who is overseeing the Victory Park portion of the weekend sale, is welcoming donations to be sold for

the area Girl Scouts. She said the proceeds generated from the yard sale park spots will go toward various projects and programs for the troop service units.

"We don't have a specific goal in mind because any money raised would be great to go for uniforms, trips, books and other fees for the girls," she said.

Donations for the Girl Scouts will be accepted throughout the event.

For more information, to rent out space at Victory Park, or to donate, contact Myshock at 734-398-5149 or bellescouts@sbcglobal.net.

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Learning experience

Three Western Michigan University students will help out Merriman Elementary School teachers and learn what it takes to manage a classroom as part of an agreement Romulus Community Schools has with the university. Here, Merriman Principal Shellie Moore (far left) poses with teachers-in-training Amy Hemovich, Kelly Upchurch and Lorraine DeDomenico. Hemovich will work under the tutelage of third grade teacher Jessica Graham, Upchurch will work with sixth-grade teacher Ruthanne Lhiva, and DeDomenico third/fourth grade teacher Michele Misiak.

Festival - Event offered something for everyone

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This year, a record 70 vendors and 10 bands took part in Pumpkin Festival activities. Lambert said she thinks the festival is about the right size for the community and doesn't see making big changes in the coming years.

"I really don't think we need to be too much bigger," she said. "People tell us they like the small-town feel of the festival. But we are trying to get more arts - we think that is one way we'd like to expand."

One thing that changed is the way the festival caters to teens. The first-ever "So You Think You Can Dance?" show attracted more teens that even festival planners anticipated.

"We transported about 250 teenagers to the main stage for the dance show," Lambert said. "After 7 p.m., we have a lot of teens here,

and we needed something for them. This turned out to be really popular."

The festival always has several events for small children. Joann Manley, who runs a ceramic-painting booth at the fair, said children enjoyed painting their favorite ceramic cartoon character for \$5 each.

"The kids get to make something they can keep for a long time," she said. "I go to several festivals in this area, and the kids always enjoy it. This particular festival is a great place to talk with the kids and teach them something artistic."

Carol Norman of Romulus, who helped her 5-year-old daughter, Erin, paint a ceramic rabbit, said she comes out for the festival each year.

"I've lived here a long time, and we look forward to coming here every year," she said. "(Erin Norman) has fun painting the car-

toon characters here. I know they have the dunk tank and the bouncers, but I'm really glad they have something here that teaches the kids to be creative."

Response to the bands was positive, too. Romulus resident Ed Buczkowski said he spent many hours at the fair to catch a diverse array of rock, blues and country bands. He especially liked Shirley Franklin's Delta Blues band Sunday afternoon.

"I think they are really good," he said. "This fair has a great mix of bands. There's something for everybody's taste."

Young or old, the festival appealed to everyone's taste beyond music, said Tim Porter, who brought his family to the festival.

"There's just the right balance of activities for adults and children here," he said. "This is our first time (attending the festival) this year, but we'll be back next fall."

Shelter - Announcement expected soon about site

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city, he said.

"It's just something we need to do to help the cats and dogs," he said.

During the endless fundraising drive, Wadsworth and other volunteers have raised about \$65,000 for the new shelter. About \$300,000 is needed to complete a new facility. Wadsworth said many local contractors and other businesses have expressed inter-

est in donating their time and skills to the project as well.

Building a new shelter has become a pet project for many residents, and fundraisers have been going on throughout the city. This year, several restaurants have had dinners for the shelter, a bingo tournament took place during the Pumpkin Festival, and wedding between two terriers took place this summer.

There is no word on where a

new shelter would be located, though many officials believe it will likely be on the same parcel of land where the old shelter stands, on the corner of Wayne and Goddard Roads.

The city takes about 1,200 stray and lost animals to the shelter each year. The new shelter would allow the city to better accommodate the animals that find themselves in custody and possibly provide a home for them longer, Wadsworth said.

Romak is a three-term councilwoman, and Lambert was a member of council and a Romulus police officer before he was elected as mayor. Many people know Romak from her outspoken advocacy against the Environmental Disposal System injection well plan.

The general election is scheduled for Nov. 8.

Mayor

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think the public is going to respond to that."

Though the pair has clashed during council meetings, both swear they don't want to run a divisive campaign.

"I think the more focused we stay on the issues that affect people the most, the better off we'll be," Romak said. "I don't think anyone wants to hear negativity."

Lambert reiterated that point of view.

"No one will hear anything negative from us because we've done do much to be proud of," he said.

4th man arrested in gun shop murder

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A fourth man was arrested and charged with felony murder and arson in connection with the fatal fire that killed the owner of an Inkster gun shop in August 2004.

Teshomb Fore, 28, of Southfield, was arrested last week at the Riverside Correctional Facility in Ionia, and charged for his role in the fire and robbery at Irv's Gun Shop on Aug. 8, 2004. That fire killed 54-year-old Clyde Alexander, the owner of the shop.

Fore - one of six men police believe to be involved in the plot to steal firearms from the store and kill Alexander - is facing life in prison after Judge Sylvia A. James of the 22nd District Court handed down charges Wednesday. The defendant will face felony robbery, larceny from person, larceny of firearms, and arson charges in addition to felony murder, said Cmdr. Greg Hill of the Inkster Police Department.

"We will all be long dead by the time he gets out of prison, if he's convicted," said Hill. "He's being charged as a third time habitual offender because he has other convictions."

Fore was convicted for armed robbery in December of 1998 for his role in a robbery in Detroit, according to records of the Michigan Department of Corrections. He was paroled in 2004 after serving about half of his 15-year sentence. Not long after his parole, he re-connected with David McKinney, who was planning the attack on the gun shop, police investigators said.

He was returned to prison for failing to meet with his parole offi-

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Cmdr. Greg Hill

cer before Inkster officers had enough evidence to charge him with this crime. Hill said Fore played an integral role in the execution of the robbery.

"We can say that he was in the shop at the time all this happened," he said. "He was one of the older men involved in this and his role was more than just casual."

Of the six men police believe participated in the arson that killed Alexander, three have been convicted at Wayne County Circuit Court. Anthony Fields, 17 of Inkster, was sentenced to life in prison on March 31, 2004 on one count of first-degree murder, one count of arson and felony firearms charges, and McKinney was convicted of felony murder two weeks ago. Both men will spend the rest of their lives in prison without the possibility of parole.

A 14-year-old boy involved in the case was convicted in juvenile court for second-degree murder. He will remain in a juvenile facility until he is 21 years old.

Two other men are still at large, and police are confident they will be arrested, said Hill.

Fore will return to the 22nd District Court at 9 a.m. on Sept. 28 for a pre-trial examination.

YWCA seeks students for pre-school program

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Students who would thrive in a non-traditional pre-school program are being recruited for the YWCA "School Readiness Program."

Ann Marie Fortunate, YWCA project director, said the program is a good alternative for students who might need a little more attention than they would normally receive in a conventional pre-school.

"There's been a great response to this program, and we will be recruiting new students through December," she said. "We hope we get a lot of new students this year."

The main difference between regular pre-school and the readiness program is that the teachers come to the students, not the other way around. The program consists of 30 weekly home visits, plus monthly center visits and field trips. During those visits, a certified teacher will visit the home and work with the enrolled child.

The center visits will take place at the YWCA facility is located on Michigan Avenue in Inkster.

Children benefit from this home-based pre-school program because they get one-on-one attention from a teacher, plus the socialization experiences of a classroom during the monthly visits and field trips, Fortunate said.

Parents benefit from this program as well, she added.

During monthly center visits, parents will meet with teachers, who will discuss parenting, social development and education topics. Many times there are guest speakers who offer expertise on many different topics.

The program is free for all participants, but children must meet eligibility criteria. Children enrolled in the program must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. They must reside in Inkster.

For more information about the YWCA Michigan School Readiness Program, call the YWCA of Western Wayne County offers at (313) 561-4110.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Charles Miller
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-323

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 22, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Taken.

05-324

3B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to authorize Trinity, Inc., Downriver & Waynadotte Cab Company to add a \$1.00 fuel surcharge to each cab trip to help off set recent fuel cost increases, effective immediately; surcharge to be removed when gas prices are reduced to \$1.89 a gallon per AAA rates.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3C. Information on Medicare Plan D - Presented by Linda Norma, Senior Coordinator.

05-325

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Clara Marie Dailey.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-326

5A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to concur with the request of City Assessor, Julie Albert and adopt a resolution determining a need for street lighting to be specially assessed for the Fairways at Gateway Subdivision #2 (Lots 117-217).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-327

5A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 7:15 p.m to be held in the City of Romulus Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan for the purpose of hearing public comment for the proposed street lighting improvements in the Fairways at Gateway Subdivision #2 (Lots 117-217).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-328

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Spy Glass Technology Advisors, Inc., to perform auditing services on our telecommunications agreements.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-329

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-07

FUND/DEPT, ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME.	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Water & Sewer Fund				
Expenditures:				
592-4520-745.80-14	Improvements	480,000	360,000	840,000
Fund Balance				
592-0000-395.00-00	Retained Earnings	AVAILABLE 13,332,075	APPROPRIATE (360,000)	BALANCE 12,972,075

To appropriate funds for the reimbursable portion of the Rouge Round VI Federal Grant.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-330

SD. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to adopt the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Operating Procedures to retain our Authorized Public Agency (APA) status with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, as approved by MDEQ.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion carried Unanimously.

05-331

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and D.P.W. Director Carl Brooks and award Bid 05/06 04 - Ditching Bucket to the only bidder, AIS Continental Corp., in the amount of \$3,943.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays- None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-332

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and D.P.W. Director Carl Brooks to award Bid 05-06-09 - one (1) 2005, 5-Yard Single Axle Dump Truck to the only bidder, Wink Chevrolet in the amount of \$98,486.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays- None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-333

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to authorize the Mayor to enter into an employment contract with Ms. Kathleen Trent as Public Relations Director for the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - Romak.
Motion Carried.

05-334

6. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff pursuant to a public hearing held September 6, 2005, to adopt a resolution determining that City shall proceed with the establishment of a Special Assessment District for installation of street lighting in “The Preserves of Romulus”, and direct the Assessor to prepare a Special Assessment Roll.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-335

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to concur with the City of Romulus Employees Pension Committee to introduce an ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Appendix B, Romulus employees Pension Plan; Sections 38.3.1 (b) (iv) (1), 38.3.1 (b) (iv) (2), 38.3.1 (b) (iv) (3), and 38.3.2.2 (d) to reflect changes in retirement benefits for union employees and in retirement benefit contributions for non-union employees.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-336

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 05/06-05 and 05/06-06 introduced at the Council Meeting held August 22, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-337

6A2B. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to authorize the purchase of the Code Red System, an accessory of the Sungard HTE System currently operating at the Romulus Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays- None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-338

6A3. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to re-schedule the Escrow Study Session for September 26, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., to be held in the City of Romulus Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-339

6C1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with Attorney Barry Seifman and introduce an ordinance amendment to Chapter 20, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Section 266-Parental Duties and Responsibilities; to provide that parents shall exercise sufficient control and supervision over the conduct and activities of the juvenile as necessary to prevent the juvenile from becoming delinquent.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova; Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-340

5C2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with Attorney Barry Seifman, and execute a water services agreement to allow Romulus to provide City water to 12872 Hannan Road for residential purposes only through its water main and allow Owner to one (1) tap into said main provided that Owner shall pay all necessary charges and expenses for the entire cost of connection to the Romulus System including all benefit charges, trunk line charges, tap and permit fees, special assessments, inspection fees, transmission and meter fees as assessed by Romulus; water usage will be billed at the rate currently charged to a City of Romulus customer. Complete

Crafty work

Pumpkin Festival draws area artists selling crafts

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Nancy Kibby said she's pleased with the positive response she received during the 2005 Pumpkin Festival in Romulus, but said many did not realize the number of hours crafters put into preparing for such an event.

"This is really hard work, and it's very time-consuming to make enough items for a craft fair or festival, but it's a lot of fun," she said. "It's great when someone said they can't find anything quite like what you have in your booth."

Kibby, a retiree and volunteer who sews stuffed children's books, kitchen mitts, pot holders and placemats at her Melvindale home when she's not volunteering, made her first appearance at the festival.

"Crafting is an all-consuming passion," she said. "There's a lot that goes into it - we work hard to find affordable supplies. I spend 10-hour days at the sewing machine, and I also spend a lot of time at WalMart."

Though Kibby works almost

full-time as a crafter, most of the 50 crafters at the event look at selling their wares as a part-time avocation.

Alexis Statler, who along with her friend Jill Gilbert, sells 70s-style purses made of old jeans, is a muralist and owner of an art studio. She said the purses are just a different way of expressing herself.

"It's not really for the money," she said. "This is something we do because we believe people really like what we have. We find most of the jeans at thrift stores. We started out with our kid's old jeans."

Statler and Gilbert came to the Pumpkin Festival with about 50 purses. Depending on the size, the purses sold for about \$10 to \$20. Gilbert said sales were a little sluggish, but felt the rain might have kept some people away.

"The weather didn't really help us very much," she said. "We'll probably be back next year, though."

Maria Lambert, the chairwoman of the festival, said crafters like Kibby, Gilbert and Statler are



Nancy Kibby sold stuffed children's books, scented placemats and potholders at the 2005 Pumpkin Festival.

needed to attract more people to the Pumpkin Festival.

"We need more arts," she said. "We need to be able to find more artists and crafters in the future. We do about three mailings to the artists we already have, and we try to get to other shows in the area to attract new vendors."

Kibby said the Pumpkin Festival, because it is in the fall, is generally more lucrative for the crafters that some of the other shows in the summer.

"Fall shows are a little better because they are scheduled closer to Christmas," she said. "That's one of the things that makes this show special."



Romulus resident Jill Gilbert holds a blue jean purse she made with her friend, Alexis Statler. The pair brought about 50 to the Pumpkin Festival last weekend, and said they broke even in terms of sales.

Brownfield authority OK'd by city

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville officials established a Brownfield Development Authority for the city recently and heard public comment on a planned unit development for the Amerman Lumber property.

The development authority board will include no less than five people, appointed by the mayor and subject to approval of the city council. The authority would encourage the redevelopment of environmentally-contaminated property by providing assistance in the clean-up and redevelopment of property as well as financial incentives.

Brownfield Redevelopment districts allow municipalities to use tax captures to pay for environmental clean ups, similar to the way Downtown Development Authorities (DDA) use tax capture to spur redevelopment. It is authorized to capture school taxes along with those of other tax-

ing units. Once established, the authority will be able to consider any other project that might become necessary in the future. It will also give status to environmental city projects, which are designated on a project-to-project basis.

Lieberman Development, the company proposing a residential development for the Amerman Lumber property—Belle Park condominiums, located in downtown Belleville—requested this process to facilitate clean-up and restore the property for residential use, according to City Manager Steve Walters.

Gary Rose, chairman of the planning commission, said the Belle Park development will be good for the city, which is why the commission recommended to change the zoning and approve the plan.

A public hearing will take place on Oct. 17 to consider changes to the DDA district, which include the addition of the Amerman Lumber property and removal of the Columbia Court property.

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agreement on file in the City Clerks Office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 6, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 6, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: September 22, 2005

OPINION

It's about time

Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a formal report that confirmed initial suspicions of toxicity levels in the aftermath of the EQ Resource Recovery explosion in Romulus.

There were no harmful levels in any of the areas tested and it's a good thing, too, because we'd all be glowing in the dark and spouting extra limbs if anything else was the case.

It goes almost without saying that this type of information, formulated and concise, should have been available to the public sooner. The health of residents in Wayne and Romulus was at stake, as was the value of their property – in many cases their most significant investment.

It's understandable that the government agency would want to ensure the test results are accurate and we also acknowledge that that takes time because of the many different tests involved. Even so, these types of events don't take place every day, and you would think the response would take precedence.

Officials in Romulus and Wayne have been impatient with their desire to see these reports and justifiably so. They are the ones who residents turn to for answers, and it's frustrating to be continually asked a question that you – through no fault of your own – don't have answers to.

It's also odd the way this report was distributed, too, hitting places like public libraries and through news releases to media agencies before many public officials had a chance to peruse it and digest the contents. In some cases they were called for a comment on a report they didn't know had been released.

It's comforting to know that the report reaffirms the initial assessment handed down by local firefighters that specialize in toxic clean up. If residents had had to wait for the final report, they'd be only recently returned to their homes.

Credit where credit is due

Shari Peters couldn't contain her excitement Monday afternoon, and it's no wonder.

It was a day before the grand reopening of the Maybury Farm and activity bustled all around the executive director of the Northville Community Foundation at the farm.

Earth movers scraped dirt into place; volunteers cleaned up the few remaining bits of debris and prepared for the grand opening luncheon. Peters and Farmer John Beemer wrestled one of the 'Closed for Construction' signs from the post it has occupied for more than a year. Nearby, workers graded the new entrance to the farm off Eight Mile Road.

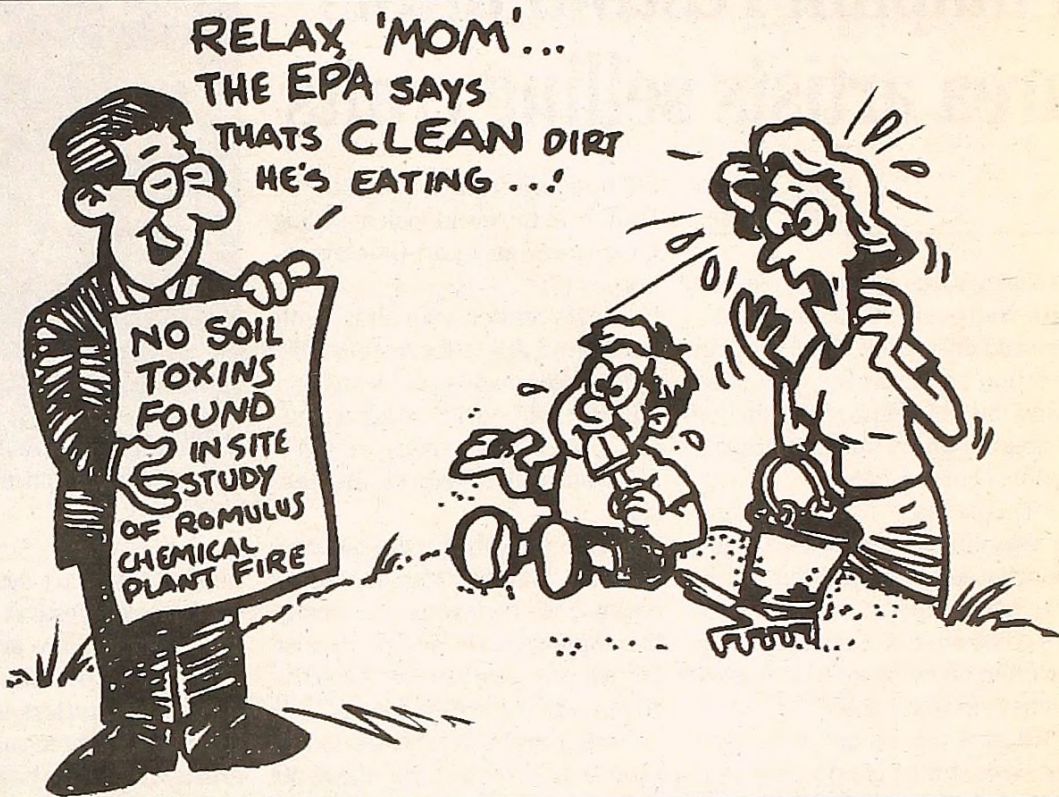
Everything is coming together at last.

It has been a long difficult battle to re-open the farm, which was destroyed by fire in 2003 and Peters and the community foundation deserve a lot of credit in making it happen. There are many others, of course, without whom the rebuilding could not have taken place; corporate and individual donors so numerous that their recognition plaques could scarcely fit on the large tables set aside for them in the welcome center. Those names will eventually have a place of honor at the farm, and it's possible that there won't be a wall large enough to house them all.

But, after all the obstacles that have been overcome, that should prove no problem.

Throughout the past two years, Peters has headed up the effort to return the farm to its glory days, when it was a regional attraction enjoyed by thousands of people every year, toured by curious children and photographed by residents and tourists alike. She's had to

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Just call it common sense

A recent survey suggests that only 5 percent of the local municipalities throughout the State of Michigan actually work together.

That's a strange statistic, given the recent promotion of intergovernmental cooperation, a buzz phrase that's circulated for the past few years.

Maybe this is one of those things that everyone likes to hear but nobody likes to do. Share? Of course, we'll share: that's how our parents brought us up. We're not selfish.

Actually, intergovernmental cooperation isn't as easy as you'd think – or should be. There are several examples of positive relationships throughout the area, but even they get strained sometimes or soon will be.

I've long marveled at the relationship between the City of Northville, Northville Township and the Northville Public School District. Here's a group of leaders that have virtually espoused that inter-governmental cooperation. The city and the township operate shared parks and recreation and senior citizens' departments as well as the Northville Youth Assistance and, most recently, a combined police and fire dispatch service. Most recreational facilities – the buildings, not the parks – are owned by the school district and leased to those departments

for a buck.

The City of Plymouth isn't too far behind, with a community dispatch and fire department similar examples can be found in Belleville and Sumpter Township.

The potential problem with these agreements is that they tend to pair up a rapidly growing municipality with one that's a little more built up, with less room for growth. Nobody comes out and says it, but I've always had the feeling that there's some concern about which municipality is subsidizing the other and, when times get tough, one of the first things that's looked at is any cost-sharing formula between them.

This isn't anybody's fault, of course. It's tough to develop a long-standing agreement between governments when the population of one locality is growing that much faster than the other. A booming population will require more facilities and bring in more revenue to provide those services. It may eventually come to the point where one simply can't keep up.

I guess the goal of this Governor's Task Force on

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A great neighborhood to do business

If I were going to start my own business, I'd want it to first be in a safe area. Next, I'd want my establishment to be in a place where it could thrive. After that, I'd want to be surrounded by merchants who were friendly and who would want to help me when I needed it, because I'd do the same for them.

That's exactly the kind of place new business owners say exists in downtown Plymouth.

New businesses sprout up in the area all the time. Whether it's a specialty boutique, like Duetto, which specializes in fashions from upscale European and American designers, or the Plymouth Book Cellar & Café, which recently opened, a number of businesses have opened up in the downtown area just in the year since I've covered Plymouth.

Everyone I talk to always gives the same reasons for coming to the area:

"It's such a vibrant community."

"The business community here is very organized."

"I looked at setting up shop in other areas, and downtown Plymouth is the best one."

For the most part, owners keep their shops in the area for a while. Aside from the reasons I listed above, owners also say that they think Plymouth residents prefer to shop in their own neighborhoods.

I know all of those explanations are solid, but one I heard from a couple of new merchants was quite telling.

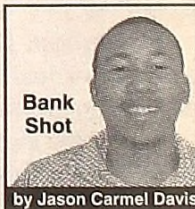
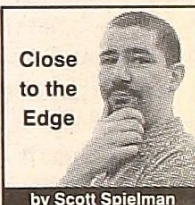
Both Bashar Salame, owner of the Plymouth Book Cellar & Café, and Karol King, owner of Toad Hall, which specializes in British attire, said something to the effect of, "You get the feeling like (other merchants) want you to succeed, and that's a huge plus."

I don't consider myself an expert on the business world by any means. But even I know how cutthroat it is. Competition is everywhere. Maybe it's that very few businesses in Plymouth are alike—the area does offer unique shopping choices. I don't think that's it, though.

I think that people in the area want to see their community grow and prosper. Who doesn't want that? Businesses bring revenue to the community. They can also bring in people who normally wouldn't visit the area.

For the most part, owning and running a business is a hellacious job, but it is made less stressful when you know the people you serve, along with your competitors, want to see you succeed.

One thing the area could use, though, is a shop that specializes in Michigan State clothing and memorabilia. I'm tired of driving an hour to get a decent State hat.



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I'd just returned from buying a live Australian Pine tree at the Eastern Market in downtown Detroit and was wondering if I'd managed to give myself a hernia lifting the tree with a ball of dirt around the base the size of a small island.

Of course, I didn't ask for help. Old pictures like, "I can do it all myself," die hard.

The phone rang.

"Good morning"

"Jerry, it's Michael."

Michael is a friend who lives in Manhattan. After years of working for other people, he decided to open his own design firm.

"How's life?"

"Good, real good," Michael said. "I've been taking it pretty easy for a couple of weeks, getting settled in my new office space and I feel pretty good except my back hurts and the muscles are really tight."

"What do you think is causing this?" I asked.

"Stress," he answered.

"You sure?"

"Yeah, It's stress, and it's like a veneer on my back. It's like the old Michael who was still drinking and thinking in a way that's not really good for me," he explained.

"What's causing the stress?" I asked.

"Anxiety over work?" he asked.

"How about fear?"

"Fear, yeah, I get it," Michael said.

"Fear of what's gonna' happen work wise, fear of change and so on."

"Makes sense," I said. "The question now is how long do you want to carry that muscle aching, back-hurting veneer?"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean we can identify what's causing the stress, in this case fear, and we can take it a step further."

"Here's an example: It's the 3rd of the month, the rent on your new office is due the first of next month. Your fear is you won't have the income to pay the rent. The old fear-based picture that says you will fail to get the rent takes over and that old picture causes anxiety. Then there's the new picture that says, 'Today is the 3rd of the month. I have weeks left till the rent is due. Am I gonna' waste my happiness worried about the rent for weeks?'"

"The choice is yours. The old picture would indeed have you worried about it daily. The new picture brings you back to the present and you deal with what you can control today—which is you."

"I know that," Michael said, "but I needed to hear you say that."

Once you identify the old picture you can choose the route to take. You may want to stay stuck in the fear for a while as you break the old picture that says, "Suffer, life is hard," or you may decide to take immediate action to regain a peaceful, safe feeling.

Me? New pictures feel better.

Common sense

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Local Government Services and Fiscal Stability is to find ways to help locals work better together and stave off these problems before they occur. I'd like to be optimistic, but the length of its name foreshadows its bureaucratic nature. Why not just Governor's Task Force on Common

Sense? Perhaps that would scare off potential members.

Or: Governor's Task Force on Cooperation?

The point is that the way governments currently operate probably isn't going to work, going forward. More efficiencies will be needed to provide the same services with fewer funds. It's something that will be necessary across the board, despite what our neighbors may or may not be doing.

Maybury

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deal with entities like the Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and she's had to take on a virtually continual fund-raising drive, asking for donations at a time when money isn't easy to come by – all the

while making sure the other worthy foundation projects haven't fallen by the way-side.

She will most likely push the credit – and the accolades – off on the many groups, businesses and individuals that have helped make this happen, but we think she deserves a pat on the back, too.

It's been a difficult task, fraught with difficulties and it has been handled well.



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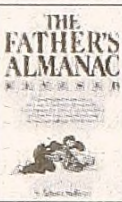
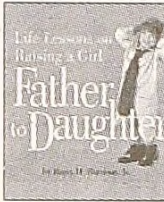
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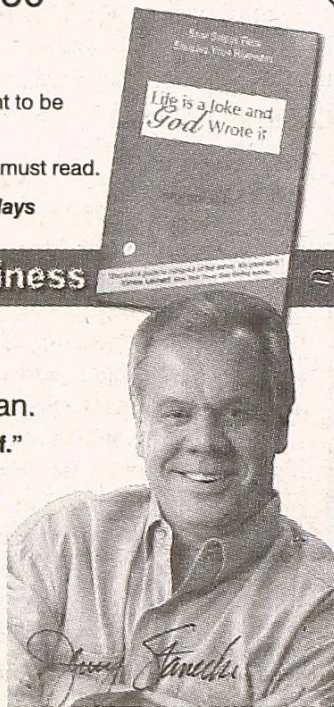
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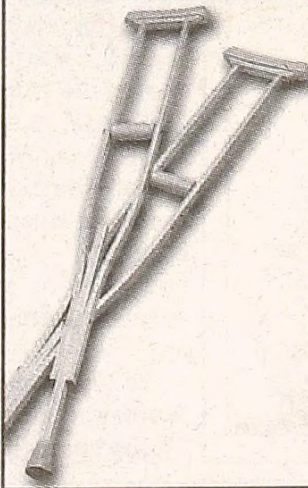
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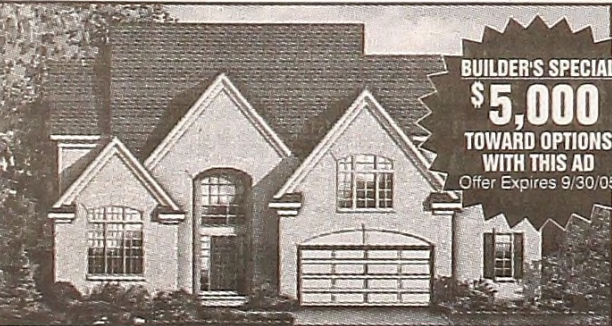
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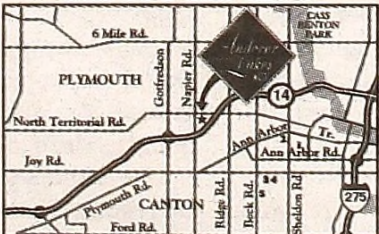
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LORD OF WAR

Political statement makes compelling film

In the opening moments of *Lord of War*, Yuri Orlov warns his audience that he's not going to talk himself up to make him appear better than he is. He's only going to tell what happened.

Orlov, played onscreen by Nicolas Cage, keeps that promise as he narrates the events that cause him to become one of the top illegal arms dealers in the world. It's a bleak tale, but a good one.

As the movie begins, Yuri is in the restaurant business with his family, when he has a revelation that there may be more money in supplying another basic human need: the need for violence.

With brother Vitaly (Jared Leto), in tow, he gradually infiltrates the world of old weapon stashes, selling killing utensils to anyone and everyone. He doesn't think of either side: who the weapons may be used by or who they may be used against because, as he tells us, if he didn't do it, someone else would.

In a post 9/11 world, it's probably necessary for him to explain that he never sold weapons to Osama Bin Laden, but Orlov admits that that isn't because of any high moral ground – it's only because, back in the day, Bin Laden bounced a lot of checks.

At the end of the cold war, Yuri convinces an uncle, a high ranking and frequently drunk official with the Russian army, to supply even bigger and better weapons. Soon he's dealing in attack helicopters, tanks and more.

He's good at what he does and he's good at avoiding the law. It's no coincidence, he points out, that 'running' is included in the phrase 'gun-running.' He comes up with some ingenious ways to outwit the local authorities, headed up by U.S. Customs Agent Jack Valentine (Ethan Hawke in a good role).

At first Yuri's conscience does not bother him, but he is haunted. He's haunted by his brother's addiction, and a face from the past, his hometown sweetheart Ava Fontaine (Bridget Moynahan), a model whose face is splashed across the world, even in the sometimes seedy backwater countries where Yuri plies his trade.

Ava never knew Yuri existed, though and he starts to wonder if she has a point in that observation.

When they eventually get together, she believes – or pretends to – that he is merely an international shipping agent. She doesn't question the abundant wealth, because she "doesn't want to hear him lie."

Billed as an action comedy, *Lord of War* is a lot more than that. Cage does a good job making a man with a thoroughly detestable occupation likeable; he's a perfect blend of snaky charm and intellectual stoicism.

There's also a sense of smoldering anger beneath the script that points out the horrors of war and a sense of cynicism for those truly responsible.

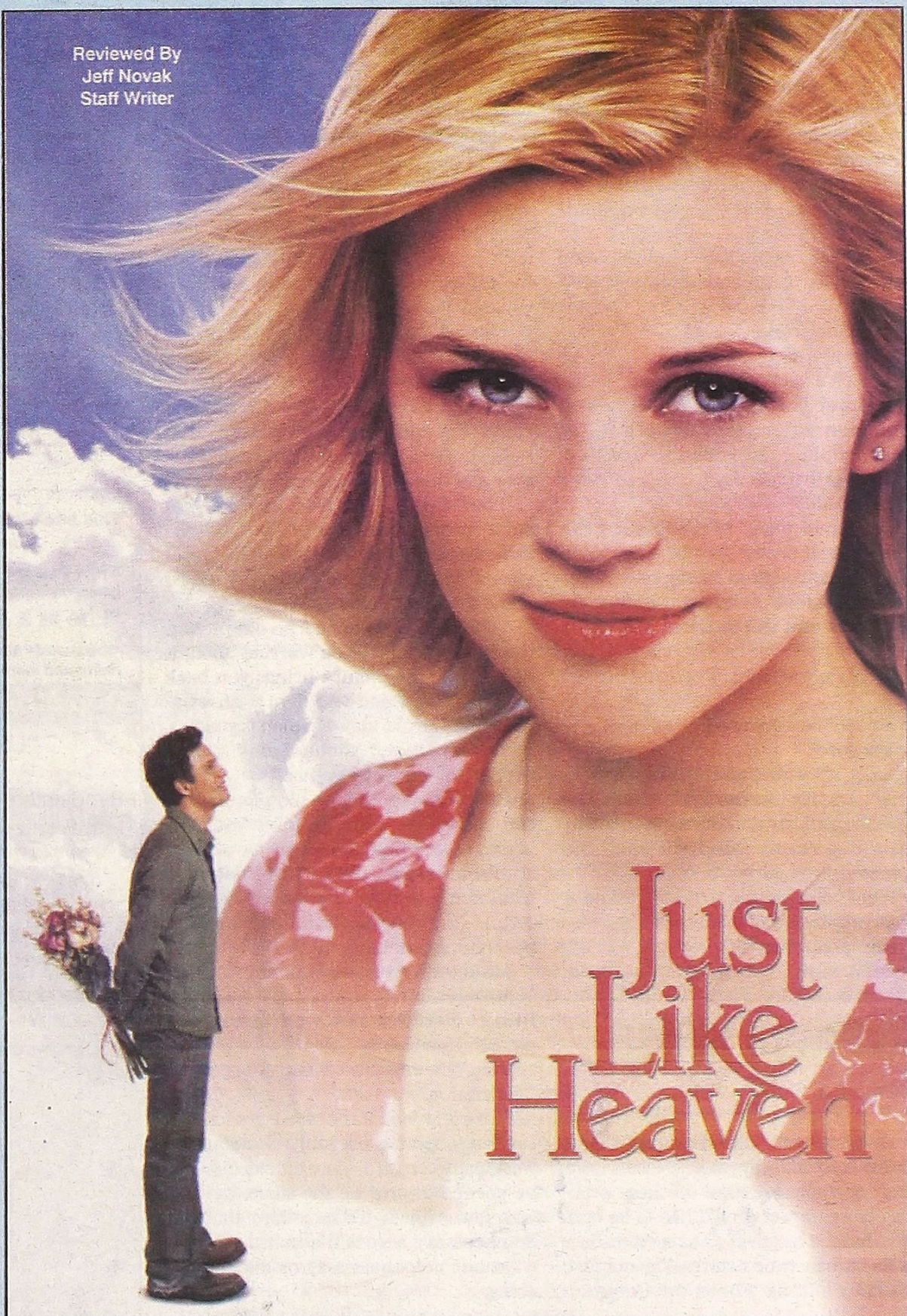
Yuri's actions eventually heap tragedy upon him and destroy his personal life. There may be a parallel there for those who want to look for it, but it's not necessary for those who simply want to watch an engaging tale, well told with plenty of developments to keep the audience interested – even if some of them are a bit easy to predict.

Lord of War is very funny in spots, pensive in others but solid all the way through.



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Editor

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Jeff Novak
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Charming film features lots of 'corn'

'Corny' is the only way to describe *Just Like Heaven*.

It's not bad and it's definitely not great, but you at least get what you pay for here—a charming, sappy and sometimes humorous romantic comedy starring one of America's sweetest sweethearts, Reese Witherspoon, and one of Hollywood's diverse up-and-comers, Mark Ruffalo.

Witherspoon is known for playing leading roles in such feel-good movies as *Legally Blonde*, *Legally Blonde 2* and *Sweet Home Alabama*.

And, while Ruffalo has shown his range in films like *Collateral*, *In the Cut*, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and the dark independent *We Don't Live Here Anymore*, he was bitten by the romantic comedy bug when he starred opposite Jennifer Garner in *13 Going On 30*.

To top it off, director Mark Waters has the 2003 *Freaky Friday* remake and *Mean Girls*

on his list of credits.

So it's all there—goosey romance and corny comedy at its best.

Heaven offers more chuckles than out-loud laughter as David (Ruffalo) shops for the perfect already-furnished San Francisco apartment with the perfect couch on which to waste away his life.

He finally finds it when fate brings him to a quaint little complex with a great view and a comfy sofa. However, the last thing expected was a roommate.

Once he settles in – meaning he makes a complete mess of the place – a young and beautiful yet controlling woman, Elizabeth (Witherspoon), appears insisting that the apartment belongs to her. When David tries to convince her otherwise, she disappears as suddenly as she showed up.

He changes the locks with no results. Elizabeth comes and goes at will, still convinced the David is living and "soiling" her

apartment.

David becomes convinced she is a ghost and enlists the help of independent bookstore operator and someone with a "sixth sense," Darryl, played by Jon Heder. Heder is known for his role as the title character in the indie cult flick *Napoleon Dynamite*. Darryl's doozy eyes and slow meandering speech are very similar to his Napoleon character but he is still one of the more humorous characters in *Heaven*. However, it does make me wonder how many times we'll see Heder play the same role.

David tries to help Elizabeth cross over to the "other side," but she is not entirely convinced she is completely dead – even though she can walk through walls and possess bodies. The other problem she faces is that she doesn't have any recollection of who she is or how she came to be in her present state

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THE SCENE

Heaven

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of etherealness.

As David and Elizabeth work to piece together the mystery of her life, their bond grows stronger as their relationship deepens to love. Unfortunately, there is very little time before Elizabeth disappears forever.

Excuse me for a second while I pick the corn out of my teeth.

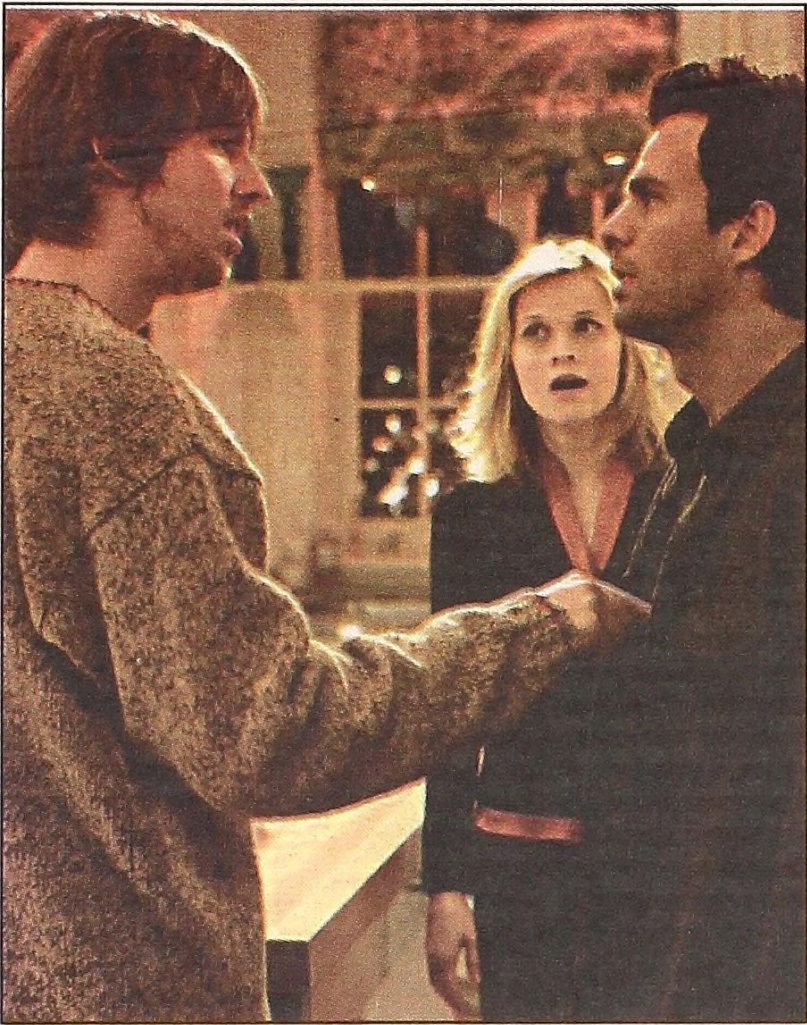
Sorry. But, like I said, it is corny.

Before David can save Elizabeth he must first heal himself from a past that truly haunts him. David also receives help from longtime friend and therapist Jack played by Donal Logue who offers up a resume that includes bit parts in romantic comedies like *Jerry McGuire* and *Runaway Bride*.

The script, taken from the pages of the bestselling novel *If Only It Were True* by French novelist Marc Levy, is all right and the acting is acceptable. But, in all honesty, the special effects are heinous.

As Elizabeth walks through tables and walls and sits inside the refrigerator, the effects harkens back to the 1980s. Maybe it's done purposefully, or maybe not.

But you don't see a romantic comedy for ingenious, or lack of, quality special effects. No, you watch them to feel good about life and to have the hope of ever-



lasting romance be instilled in your heart. And *Heaven* delivers.

All I can say is that if I ever have an encounter with a ghost I hope it looks like Witherspoon. It would definitely give new meaning to a supernatural experience.

Romantic comedies are a huge market and there is rarely a bad time to release one. But this could be one of the few

instances that it is actually the perfect moment for a lighthearted, easy to watch movie. *Heaven*, in the wake of the disaster left behind by Hurricane Katrina, gives America a chance to step back from the tragedy and affordably laugh at cheap fun romance.

Just Like Heaven isn't heavenly but it is definitely worth seeing for a simple laugh—as corny as it sounds.

That's scary...

Annual cemetery walk is set

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

en 'occupants' of Oakwood Cemetery will share tales of their former lives during the Oct. 2 Cemetery Walk in Northville.

The historical figures, all re-enactors, will speak about their lives and times from the foot of their respective graves during the fourth annual event.

Each year, volunteers from all walks of life don period attire to help promote interest in the past by making it approachable for residents.

"It's a neat way for people to learn about history without reading a lot of dry text," said Barbara Davies, cemetery walk coordinator for the Northville Historical Society.

Outside of the cemetery, a costumed sextant will relay information about the history of the burial ground itself to visitors. Then, participants will be ushered into the cemetery on a time-release basis to witness as snapshot of history as they learn more about some of the earliest area settlers.

Their stories run the gamut from historically significant to tragic to comic. Among the individuals featured this year is Dr. David Gregory, who owned the land now occupied by Northville

City Hall and who was the original owner of the 'Latham Mansion' that served as Village Hall in the 1920s.

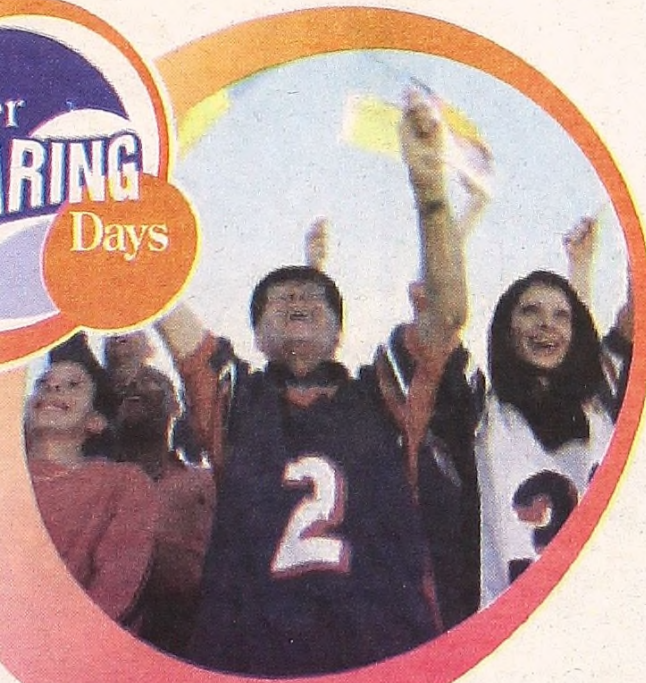
After the walk, free cider and cookies will be available for participants at the Northville Senior Community Center, located across the street from the cemetery.

Due to the uneven terrain in the cemetery, participants are asked to wear sensible shoes and clothing, to bring a working flashlight, and to leave strollers at home. The walk is non-scary and meant to be educational.

She suggested that interested individuals reserve their tickets as early as possible since the popular event tends to fill up quickly. The timed tours will take place between 5:30-8:30 p.m. with individual times set at registration. Reservations will only be accepted with payment. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. They may be purchased at Knightsbridge Antiques, located at 42305 Seven Mile Road in Northville. Tickets will also be available from 1-4 p.m. each Sunday at Mill Race Village, which is located off Griswold Street between Main Street and Eight Mile Road in Northville.

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BUSINESS



Kimberly Loveless and her husband, Brad, said they were encouraged with the reception their new shop on Wayne Road has received.

Sprouting up New shop counts on growth

Scott Spielman
Staff Writer

Even Kimberly Loveless admits the name of her new shop is a little nutty.

The Acorn Shop wasn't even her first choice when she decided to open the boutique on Wayne Road, north of Glenwood in the City of Wayne. Somehow, though, Kimberly's Unique Boutique never satisfied her the way the concept of a seed growing into something large.

"That's what I want from my business," she said. "I want it to flourish."

So far, so good.

Loveless, who moved to the city when she was 2 years old, opened the shop during Wheelfest weekend. She hosted a grand opening ceremony there Tuesday night, even though the inventory of the shop isn't as diverse as it will soon be.

Right now, the store features a variety of unique gifts such as candles, home accents, picture books and more. It will eventually include restored furniture, too, as well as provide a place for classes. Already Loveless is planning to put on jewelry-making and wreath-making classes, with more in the planning stages.

It's her first foray into the retail world as a shop owner, she said.

"I wanted to do something that was more fun, something I can put my heart into," she said.

At first, her husband, Brad, wasn't too keen on the idea but, as she put it, "he's

coming around."

The location of the shop was important to her, too. She had initially thought of opening up a store in Belleville, where the couple will soon be moving to care for a relative, but eventually decided on Wayne because she said she liked the direction the town was heading.

"It seems like my city has been stagnant for a while," she said. "I think it's really coming around. I would not be surprised to see some other entrepreneurs come to town."

When she first scouted locations, her ideal place - next to the Dairy Queen on Wayne Road - was occupied by a candy store. That location recently closed down, though.

Loveless said it was ideal because of the proximity of other shops, which she hopes to capitalize on. She said she wants to encourage foot traffic between the stores there, to benefit all the show owners. That's why shoppers won't find things in her store that they can find in others nearby.

"I don't want to be a competition, I want to be a complement," she said. Again, so far, so good.

"It's really been a great experience," she said. "I've had a lot of good feedback. My business picks up every day."

Gayle Rediske, marketing specialist for the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, said it was a good sign.

"I'm excited to have a business like that here," she said. "I hope people in the area will support it."

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SPORTS

Lady Zebras win thriller against Allen Park

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's new girls' basketball coach Kris Barrett admitted that nerves played a big part at the opening of the season. This is her first year coaching the Lady Zebras, having moved up from coaching middle school to the high school varsity level.

"I was nervous for the first couple games," she said, "but with a couple under my belt it's getting better."

Nerves aside, she pulled out an impressive, 63-62, victory against a formidable Allen Park team last Thursday. The win improved the team's record to 2-2.

The first quarter was a battle but the Jaguars led, 18-16, at the end of it. With some fast break-aways in the second frame of play, Wayne scored 19 points and took over the lead, 35-28, at the halfway point.

The Lady Zebras hung on the rest of the way even though Allen Park out scored them 19-16 and 15-12 in the final two quarters.

Trenia Barbee led Wayne with 24 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Kellie Newsted added 14 and Ludwan Jones, 12.

"We're improving every game," Barrett said. "We're coming along. We're a young team that seems to be working well together."

She also said that the defense

is starting to come around and played well against the Romulus eagles on Tuesday.

Although the Zebras lost to Romulus, 57-51, they kept the game close against a tough Eagle team that they might get a second chance against at the district tournament.

Wayne actually jumped to an early lead, outscoring Romulus, 15-9, after one quarter. But Romulus went on a 21-9 run in the second quarter to overcome the lead, 30-24, she said. The Lady Zebras tried to rally, making it a three-point game, 44-41, after three periods. But Romulus hung on this time for the win.

"It was only a three-point game at the end of the third,"

Barret said. "They didn't quit. I was proud of that."

"It was a pretty hard-fought game," she added. "I was pretty impressed with them. We played excellent defense."

Wayne had another sneak peek at a possible district foe when they hosted Garden City on Tuesday. The results were unavailable at press time.

Wayne starts conference play at 7 p.m. tonight when they head across town to rivals John Glenn.

Wayne Football Zebras 6, Western 35

Zebra football struggles continued when they suffered their third loss of the year in a 35-6 routing by Walled Lake Western.

Wayne's only score came on a

quarterback bootleg by Clint Cavanaugh early in the fourth quarter.

Western's defense proved to be the difference maker, intercepting Wayne's quarterback Billy Fallow four times in the first half.

"Their (Western) defense kept them in the ball game," said Wayne Coach Craig Hnatuk. "We're struggling throwing the ball. When you face an eight-man front you have to be able to throw the ball."

"The kids aren't doing what they are coached to do," he added. "If we don't, we're going to get what we deserve."

The schedule doesn't get any easier as they head to Canton for a 7 p.m. match up tomorrow.



The Rock's senior running back Kyle Boling (30) attempts a run against Walled Lake Northern in his team's 22-13 loss last Friday.

Salem hoopsters win 3 consecutive contests

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

"The girls are really coming together."

That's what Salem's Head Coach Fred Thomann said about his girls' varsity hoop team last week.

The girls pulled together last week with three victories against some pretty tough teams. Their first contest was against the Belleville Tigers last Tuesday. Salem put up such good numbers in the first quarter that Belleville had a hard time closing the gap.

The Rocks outscored the Tigers, 17-2, in that first period.

After a lethargic second frame from both teams—each side only scored four points—the Tigers finally woke up. They narrowed the gap to 31-21 at the end of the third when they outscored the Rocks, 15-10. And, with about 3:00 left in the game, Belleville had narrowed Salem's advantage to four points, according to Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards.

"We jumped out with a more aggressive defense," he said. "We had several chances to take the lead but we started missing shots again. That's when we started fouling and sending them to the line. I think they hit 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to win."

Belleville outscored the Rocks again, 14-12, in the final round. It wasn't enough, however, to dig them out of the early hole.

"I think we really played well the first quarter," Thomann said. "All we had to do is hang on the rest of the way."

Theresa Coppiellie and Alaya Mitchell scored a majority of the team's first-quarter points. Coppiellie finished with a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Mitchell ended with 10 points.

This wasn't the first time that Belleville had started with a

large deficit, according to Edwards.

"I think we started the last two games down 17 points in the first quarter," he said. "We just don't come out with a lot of intensity. We're shooting the ball, just not making them. After the first the girls start waking up and playing some basketball."

"When they get going they play hard," he said. "Imagine what they could do if they didn't start with a deficit."

Juniors Taylor Manley and Danica Holmes each scored 14 for Belleville in their lone game of the week.

The Tigers were 1-2 before they traveled to Saline on Tuesday. The results of that game were unavailable at press time. They start league play at 7 p.m. tonight when they host Southgate.

Salem 39, Howell 36

Salem, on the other hand, went on to win two more games.

On Thursday they faced a formidable Howell team and rolled away with a 39-36 win.

Coppiellie led the team again with 14 points. Mitchell scored all nine of Salem's points in the fourth quarter, bringing her total up to 13.

It was a close game all the way through. With about 2:00 left in the game the score was tied at 34, but Salem outscored Howell, 5-2, in the final minute of play, according to Thomann.

Thomann expected a tough game.

"The last two times they beat us in close games," he said. "It was a long trip out there but a fun trip back because both the junior varsity and varsity teams won."

Salem 45,

Farmington Hills Mercy 32

Salem continued their winning ways when they tipped off

Northern holds off Rocks, 22-13

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

A wide-eyed Salem Rock football team gathered around their coaches Friday evening after they suffered their third straight loss.

Rather than degrade his team, Salem Coach Bob Cummings consoled them after the 22-13 loss to an 0-3 Walled Lake Northern team. He later acknowledged that the team had made tremendous strides from the previous week's 48-8 loss to Walled Lake Central.

He also admitted that the team has a lot of work to do, coming off of the Northern game, which was riddled with mistakes and costly turnovers.

One of those turnovers was a fumble on Northern's 3-yard line. It happened on the eighth play of a 77-yard drive.

Walled Lake's senior Aaron Snow recovered the loose ball. If Salem had scored it could have been a different game, putting the Rocks on top, 14-9.

"I guess we're not good enough yet to make up for that kind of mistake," Cummings said. "We're getting there. This team (Northern), they were 0-3, but no way, because they played three hard teams and played them hard. So I think we played well

this game. We just can't make mistakes. You can't make mistakes. If you make mistakes you have to make up for them so that's a big thing that we have to work on."

Then Northern put together an 11-play drive to go the length of the field for their second touchdown of the day. Northern's senior quarterback Ryan Sheridan held on to the ball as he snuck into the end zone from two yards out. The kick was good to make it a 16-7 game.

Salem started off with the lone score of the first quarter. Senior tight end Chris Sorenson scored from 15 yards out on the last play of the frame. The kick was good to give Salem their only lead of the game, 7-0.

Northern countered with a one-yard push into the end zone by senior Chris Faustyn with about 4:33 left in the half. Salem held on to the lead, 7-6, when Northern missed on the extra-point attempt.

Salem was on the move again in the final minutes of the half. A pass interference call put the Rocks on Walled Lake's 40-yard line, but with 15 seconds left senior quarterback Kevin Bradley's pass was picked off.

Northern took over the lead, 9-7, in the third with a 37-yard field

goal by junior Robbie Petrillo.

After Northern capitalized on Salem's miscue on the 3-yard line, Salem ended their next possession with another fumble—this time on their own 42-yard line. Walled Lake junior Austin Richards recovered it.

That turnover yielded Sheridan's second two-yard sneak to pay dirt, extending the lead to 22-7.

Salem put on a comeback of sorts in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. With Bradley injured, backup senior signal caller Jon Pomorski stepped in and led Salem to their second score of the night. Eight plays after he took the field, he hit Sorenson for a 6-yard pass in the end zone. The extra-point attempt failed, making it a 22-13 game.

Things got exciting when Salem's junior running back Jon Wilson recovered the on-side kick with 1:53 left in the game, giving the Rocks another chance.

Pomorski and the rest of the Rocks did their best to score on an 8-play drive but Pomorski was sacked on a fourth-and-10 attempt, turning possession over on downs with 48 seconds left.

The 22-13 score stood.

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SPORTS

Romulus struggles at Loy Norrix

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Come mid-October, most basketball teams look for a break in action to rest and recuperate. But at the beginning of the season teams need to be in top competitive form, not sitting around for almost two weeks waiting to play.

That's the story of the Romulus Lady Eagles basketball squad.

The Lady Eagles started the season with a victory against Ypsilanti Lincoln. That was back on Aug. 30, though, and they didn't play another game until they snuck out a win nearly two weeks later against district foes Wayne Memorial.

After that they were off for another three days before they headed to a round-robin tournament in Kalamazoo, where they struggled in both games played.

That time off may have hindered the team chemistry, according to Romulus Coach Candice Finley.

"We got out of our playing, our competitive mode," she said. "While other teams were playing during that time, we were off."

Romulus took on the home team at Loy Norrix High School last Friday. Norrix's run-and-jump press and Romulus' 35 turnovers were too much for the Lady Eagles to overcome in the 105-59 loss.

"If we have 35 turnovers we're going to lose," Finley said.

Romulus kept it close through the first quarter, trailing only by one point, 22-21, at the buzzer. Then the turnovers started and Loy Norrix took full advantage, outscoring Romulus, 83-38, the rest of the way.

Sophomore guard/forward Jasmine Brown scored 19 for Romulus. Senior guard/forward Landria Buckley added 13

and junior guard Erica Wasson chipped in with 10.

The Eagles struggled again in the second game on Saturday against Temperance Bedford. This time they fell behind early and never quite caught up. They lost that game, 54-43.

"We made a lot of little mistakes," Finley said. "We have to start taking care of the ball a little better."

Buckley led the offense with 14 points.

Romulus 57, Wayne 51

In their first game after nearly two weeks off, the Lady Eagles had to find their game quickly against the Wayne Lady Zebras last Tuesday at home.

They found themselves down 15-9 after the first quarter. From there, Finley spurred them on.

"I told the girls this is their court and we have to pick up the intensity—we can't lose at home," she said. "Everyone is allowed one bad quarter, now it's time to start playing some basketball."

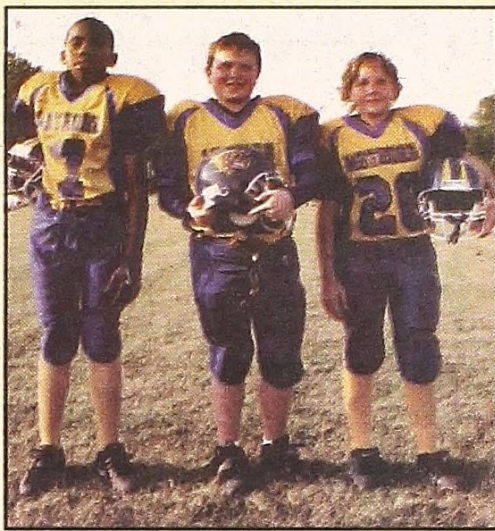
They listened and the team went on a 21-9 run, which gave them a 30-24 half-time lead.

Wayne picked up their defense and brought the game to within three points, 43-40, by the end of the third session. Romulus was able to hold off Wayne's attack in the fourth for the win.

Despite the mixed results last week Finley said it was a good learning experience to play high caliber non-conference teams.

"It's great to play tough competition," she said. "Not that our conference isn't tough, it's just a different type of game for the girls to play."

The Lady Eagles host Ann Arbor Huron at 7 tonight.



Jalen Wallace, Tyler Caygill and Dustin Ferguson model the Westland Meteors' new styled uniforms.

Clarification

An article last week about Westland Little League Football teams the Comets and Meteors receiving a new look contained some misinformation.

Khris Hruska is actually the Unit Director for the Westland Meteors, not the Comets.

The score for the Meteors Junior Varsity game was 30-7, not 24-6.

Both the Meteors and the Comets are a part of the Westland Youth Athletic Association (WYAA), which is the group conducting the raffle. The money was also used to help all of the WYAA sponsored programs.

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SPORTS

Lady 'Stangs fall to Pinckney

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Lady Mustangs didn't have the kind of week most coaches want—two wins—but the team did get what they needed: experience.

Regardless of the two non-league losses they recorded last week, the Mustangs acquired valuable practice against two tough programs before they start conference play tonight.

Most recently they took on the Pinckney Pirates at home last Thursday.

Try as they might, they couldn't pull off the victory. Despite a last quarter surge, an early deficit left the Mustangs with a 59-47 loss.

Any loss is tough, but Northville Coach Pete Wright said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"It's great to play a caliber team like Pinckney," said Northville Coach Pete Wright. "We know that they are a good team; they're going to compete for the KVC (Kensington Valley Conference) with Brighton and Novi.

"I was happy the way we played," he added. "We gave them (Pinckney) fits with the press and if we would have converted more I think it would have been a little closer."

Northville struggled offensively, making only about 29 percent (17-of-61) of their field goal attempts against the Pirates. They missed several easy shots—breakaways and undefended lay-ups—coming off of transition off of steals.

They also recorded 20 turnovers on the offensive side of the ball.

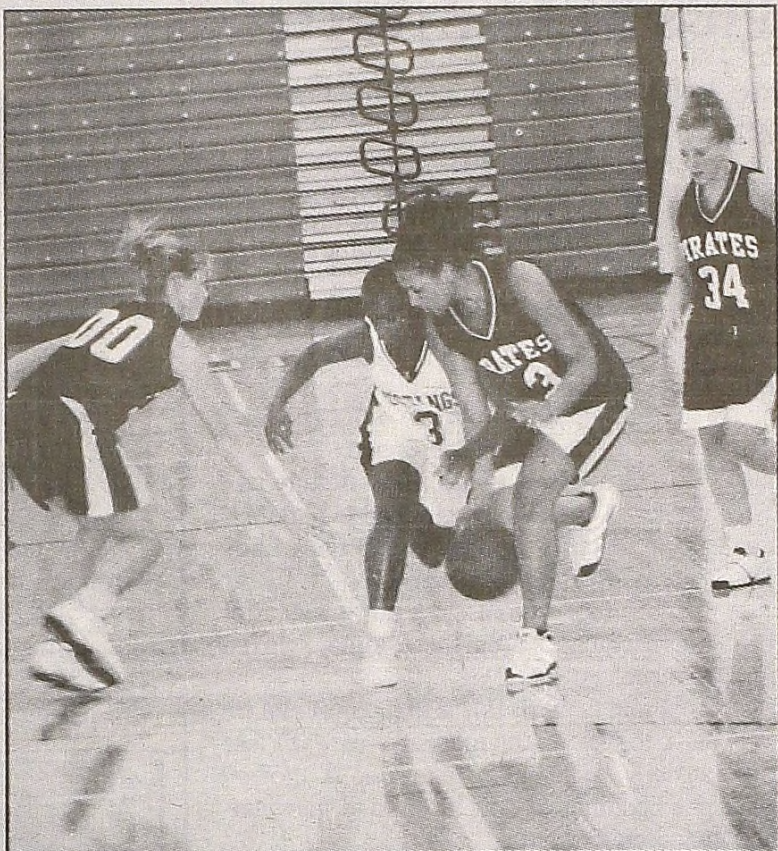
Defensively, the quick Mustangs countered with 20 steals. Junior Danielle Toney led with seven.

Pinckney was off to a quick 15-6 lead after the first period of play with junior forward Heather Pitt leading the way with six points.

Northville's offense continued to improve through the next three quarters. Senior Lindsey Blair scored six of her 10 points in the second session. But the Pirates continued their strong play and outscored the Mustangs, 16-11, for a 31-17 half-time advantage. Northville had two attempts at the buzzer but couldn't convert.

Northville scored four quick points in the third frame to narrow the gap, 31-21. Two of them came off of a quick break by sophomore Sarah Stern who passed it up to senior Heather Cox for the lay-up.

But at the end of three, Pinckney outscored Northville,



Northville senior Simone Toney (3) tries to elude three Pinckney defenders in the Mustangs' 59-47 loss last Thursday.

15-14, to extend their lead to 46-31.

Senior Simone Toney scored six of Northville's 16 fourth-quarter points. But aggressive defensive play on Northville's part allowed Pinckney to score 11 of their 13 points from the line. That was enough for Pinckney to take the win.

Danielle Toney led the offense with 12 points while Blair added 10.

Last Tuesday Northville

faced another top KVC contender in neighboring rivals Novi.

Both teams were quiet on offense but it was the Wildcats that came out on top, 33-22.

Simone Toney scored half of the team's points with 11.

They head to Livonia Churchill tonight for their first conference match up. Their first home conference game is at 7 p.m. next Thursday against John Glenn.

Hoops

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against Farmington Hills Mercy at home on Saturday.

The Lady Rocks had a terrific first half, outscoring Mercy 26-9. They extended their lead to 34-17 after three. Mercy hit a spurt in

"We dominated the first half and really played well."

Fred Thomann

the final frame, scoring 17 points to Salem's 11. But it was too little too late as Salem earned the 45-32 victory.

Lauren Kurtz led the Rocks with 12. Coppiellie added 10.

"We dominated the first half and really played well," Thomann said. "I like the balance. We played excellent team defense. There are a lot of positive things happening. The girls are really pulling together."

One of the positive things was the return of senior Carly Sommers who had missed the first two games. Thomann said it was good to have her back even though it was in a limited capacity.

She should get more playing time Thursday when the Rocks return to conference play at neighboring rivals Canton at 7 p.m. tonight.

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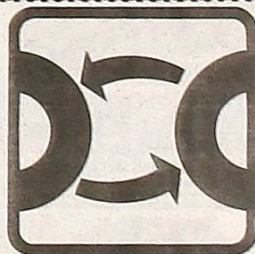
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SPORTS

Vikes' football, basketball continue to win

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Inkster Vikings did it again. It only took one score, but they did it.

The Inkster Vikings won their third football game of the year on Saturday when they defeated neighboring rivals Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 7-0.

The game remained scoreless throughout the entire first half and most of the third quarter until senior running back Rico McCoy broke free for a 30-yard jaunt to pay dirt with about 2:47 left in the quarter.

That's all they needed, though, as the defense on both sides of the

field held the score true.

McCoy finished the day with 95 yards on nine carries. Troy Singleton led the attack with 105 yards on 13 attempts, according to Inkster's offensive coordinator, Mac Jones.

Inkster was without starting sophomore quarterback Aaron Shavers who was injured late in the team's 25-point shutout last week against Ecorse.

Sophomore Rency Rollins moved from wideout to the signal caller position and completed one pass in the outing.

"The kids are starting to buy into what we're trying to do, but we're still working on that," Jones said. "The attitude is getting better

and we'll continue to be competitive. With our quarterback (Shavers) hurt it set us back a bit.

"Myself and a lot of other at the game were impressed with Annapolis and how well they conducted themselves," he added. "Their coach should be proud of what he's teaching those kids. Annapolis kids' parents should be proud, too."

Inkster will be put to the test when they face the Cardinals in Melvindale at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

"This game will give us a good indication as to how well we are coming along," Jones said.

Lady Vikes 61, University Prep 19
With the changing of the guard

in the athletic department at Inkster this year, it's not only the football squad earning victories.

The Lady Vikes remained undefeated, 4-0, when they conquered University Prep, 61-19 last Tuesday.

Junior Lonnie Terrell led the onslaught with 23 points and six assists. Senior Muchelle Carr added 13 with 10 rebounds for a double-double.

Most of the damage was done in the first quarter when Inkster scored 26 points and held Prep to just six. Then the Lady Vikes scored 13, 12 and 10 points respectively in the final three sessions.

Inkster will head to Lincoln Park at 7 p.m. tonight.

Hoops

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"At least the kids came back," Cummings said. "They're there. They're working hard so I'm not worried about that. We had a couple bad weeks in a row but they're back; I believe they're back and they're going to play hard the rest of the way."

"We had a lot more intensity this week," he added about the defense. "That's what we worked on all week so that was a plus that we got that to happen. So that's a major plus for us."

Before getting injured, Bradley led Salem's ground attack with 92 yards on 15 carries. Pomorski completed 3-of-9 passes for 32 yards. Senior running back Matt Kenison grabbed two throws for 32 yards.

Sheridan racked up 103 passing yards and 52 rushing for Northern.

Salem heads to John Glenn tomorrow night.

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Plymouth Whalers win Erie Pre-season tournament

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

In their last pre-season games before the much anticipated OHL hockey season starts, the Plymouth Whalers won the four-team Erie Otters' Preseason Tournament last weekend at Tullio Arena in Erie, PA.

The tournament championship came down to Plymouth and interstate rivals the Saginaw Spirit on Saturday.

Plymouth won the game, 4-2.

The Whalers led 1-0 after one period and 3-1 after two before

scoring their fourth goal in the third.

Dan Collins scored twice; John Vigilante and Cory Tanaka scored a goal each.

Second-year Plymouth goalie Justin Garay stopped 26-of-28 shots. Saginaw out shot the Whalers, 28-23.

Jack Combs and Matt Corrente scored for Saginaw.

Plymouth played well the night before when they overcame a 3-0 deficit to steal a victory from the Toronto St. Michael's Majors, 6-5.

Saginaw's Ryan Penney and

Matt Halischuk scored a goal apiece in the first for a 2-0 Toronto advantage. Scott Lavigne made it a 3-0 game in the second.

Then it was the Whalers' turn. They scored four goals in about five-and-a-half minutes for a 4-3 lead at the end of two frames.

Tom Sestito scored the first (3:57) followed by Mike Letizia (6:18), Steve Ward (7:41) and Vigilante (9:22).

Toronto's rookie Matt Caria knotted the score at 4 at about the 3:53 mark of the third. But Vigilante scored his second of

the night to give Plymouth the lead back, 5-4.

Justin Donati scored on a shorthanded goal with just 2:02 left in regulation. The score tied the game and sent it to overtime and set the stage for a shootout.

Whaler goalie Ryan Nie stopped 5-of-6 shots in the shootout. Vigilante and Letizia each put one by Toronto's Wayne Savage for the victory.

Plymouth finished the preseason with an impressive 4-1-0-1 record.

Their home opener is at 7:30 pm Saturday against Sarnia.

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Turkey Chili

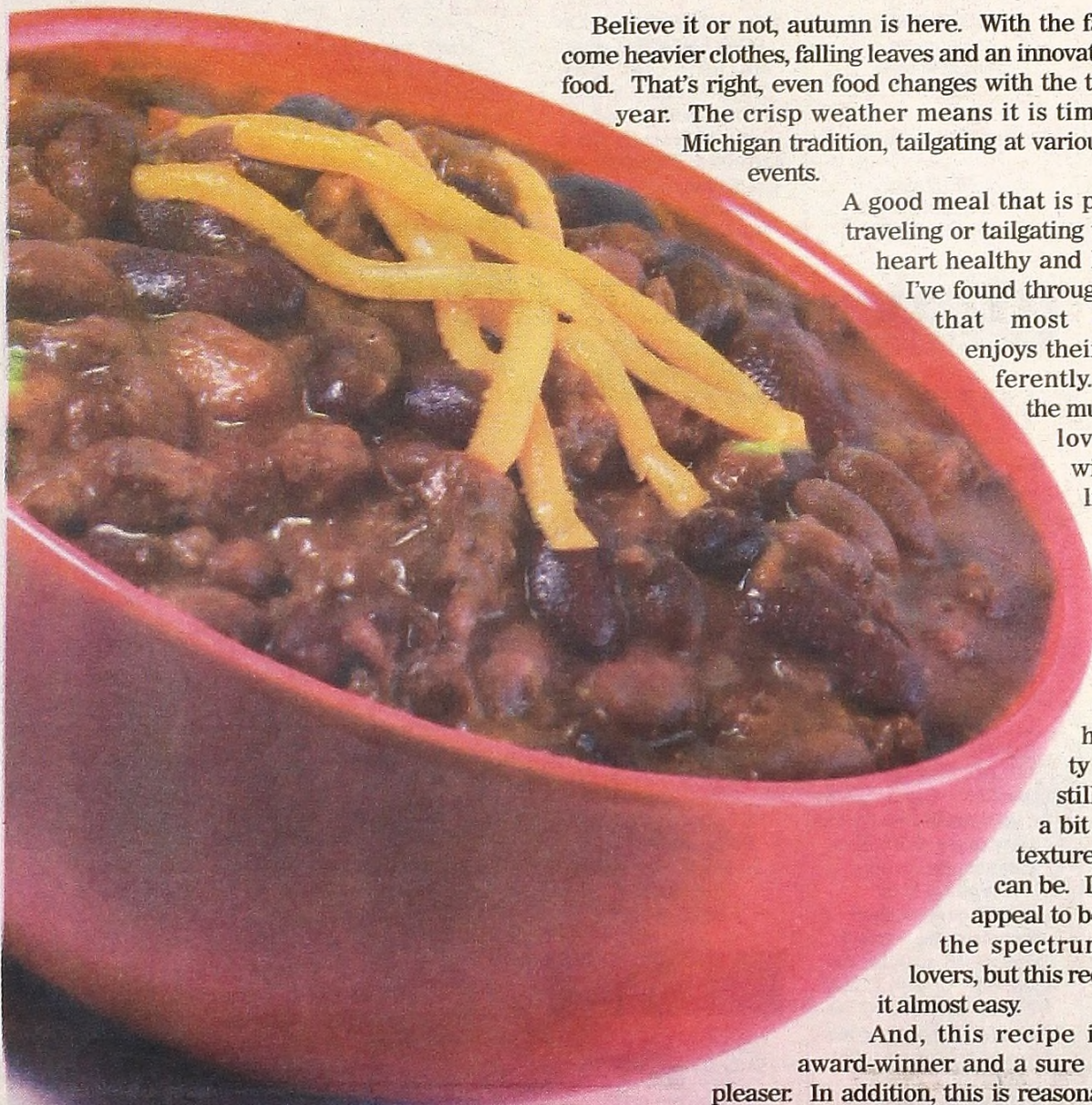
- 1 white onion
- 1/2 green pepper
- 3 celery stalks
- 1 1/2 pounds ground turkey
- 1 quart diced tomatoes (fresh or canned)
- 1 pint canned tomato sauce
- 1 12-ounce bottle of light beer
- 1 ounces of prepared salsa (choose your favorite)
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 1/8 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 cup marinara sauce

Brown and drain the turkey. Steam together the onion, green pepper and celery. Add steamed vegetables and all other ingredients to the turkey. Simmer on the stove to desired consistency, stirring frequently. For a thicker chili, simmer longer and for a thinner dish, simmer for a shorter time.

(Frank Agostini is a chef and the co-owner and operator of E.G. Nick's restaurant in downtown Plymouth. He has recently returned to the Plymouth location after overseeing the catering segment of the business for several years. During his long career, he has catered for numerous celebrities and show business events.)

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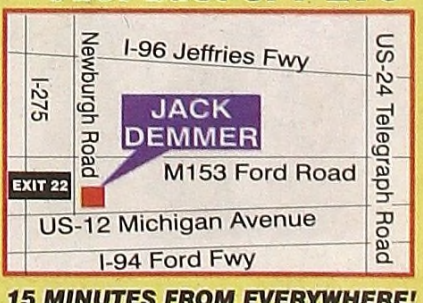


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